



August 31, 2018

Commissioner Brendan Carr  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 17-79 - Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment

Dear Commissioner Carr,

Every now and then, technological innovations emerge that have the power to overhaul the daily operation of businesses. As a small business owner, I have experienced the transformation that mobile connectivity came to have on essential tasks. With 5G wireless service, businesses' reliance on wireless connections and capabilities will only increase further.

It is inevitable that with 5G serving as a new, powerful platform, technologies will arise that assist small businesses like the one I own with everything from how it's managed to how it communicates with customers and suppliers. Quite simply, business leadership and success hinge on wireless service – as well as the infrastructure that powers it.

That is why I encourage the Federal Communications Commission to accelerate 5G's arrival through the streamlining of out-of-date regulations. While businesses have no choice but to adapt to changes in technology, not all governmental regulations have done the same. In fact, regulations designed for cellular towers also often apply to modern wireless infrastructure called small cells – which are a fraction of the size of a tower.

When it can take upwards of a year to place a single small cell – despite the fact that many will need to be placed in any given city, for example, to ensure 5G lives up to its speed and capacity expectations – the timeline for broad 5G coverage stretches far into the future. A prolonged delay for 5G would place many businesses at a disadvantage.

Instead, a regulatory process appropriately designed for modern equipment like small cells would place 5G on an accelerated pace and help businesses remain on the cutting edge. In such a competitive marketplace, every little factor matters. We should make sure that Missouri – and the rest of the country – has access to the latest and greatest technology.

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The FCC can help achieve this by crafting rules that streamline regulations that impede small cell deployment across the country. A modern approach to 5G infrastructure will improve the flow of investment outward into a range of communities.

The FCC has taken concrete steps that will quicken the deployment process of 5G. I greatly appreciate these efforts and hope that the Commission will continue to make progress by streamlining small cell regulations and protecting infrastructure investment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark P. Gorman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being the most prominent.

Mark P. Gorman  
Co-Founder and Chairman